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## **Frederick Douglass National Historic Site News      Release-Revised**

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### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS CELEBRATED AT ANNUAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS EVENT AT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Washington, DC – On Sunday, February 14, 2010. The National Park Service will celebrate Frederick Douglass' 192<sup>nd</sup> birthday and his contribution to the Women's Rights Movement. The event will take place from 12 pm to 4:30 pm at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, 1411 W Street SE in Washington, DC.

There will be plenty of activities for the entire family, including actor Fred Morsell's portrayal of Frederick Douglass. Known for his rare ability to capture the power and eloquence of the great orator, Morsell will deliver a speech entitled "Why I Became a Woman's Rights Man."

Special guest speaker, Sally McMillen, author and Professor of History at Davidson College, will deliver a talk entitled "Nobility in His Act: Frederick Douglass and the Women's Rights Movement." She will also sign copies of her recent book "Seneca Falls and the Origins of the Women's Movement."

Other activities will include a talk on the history of the surrounding neighborhood by Tony Thomas of the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, presentations by Women's Rights National Historic Park and New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park, and a Junior Ranger table for children.

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site is dedicated to preserving the legacy of one the most famous 19th century African Americans. His life and works serve as an inspiration to those who continue the struggle for liberty and justice. Visitors to the site can learn about his efforts to abolish slavery and claim rights for oppressed people.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Julie Kutruff or Braden Paynter at 202-426-5961 or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/frdo](http://www.nps.gov/frdo)

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

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*Frederick Douglass National Historic Site is one of several park sites that make up National Capital Parks-East (NCP-East). NCP-East offers a wide array of historic, cultural, and recreational areas that are part of Washington, D.C. and its eastern environs. The park is comprised of over 8,000 acres of federal land, ranging from community parks and National Historic Sites to unique wetland ecosystems, meadows, and mature hardwood forests.*